

Positive Alternatives 2015 - 16 Quarterly Update

Grantee: EPIPHANY CARING FOR LIFE

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Goal: Provide pregnancy support services to pregnant women and families in Anoka County

For the period: January 1 to March 31, 2016

Activity or Service	Activity or Service Description Major Work Plan Activities	Work Plan Count	Program Progress and Accomplishments Report the progress and accomplishments made this period on each activity.	Report Count
Administrative Activities	Service Coordinator: Provide guidance to grant staff, attend grant meetings, complete grant forms; manage grant funds and program donations; schedule/report meetings; recruit, screen and train volunteer; update guidelines and protocols; track baby equipment supply/requests/recalls, develop resources to expand supply; track housing resources and emergency shelter availability; reorganize and update baby closet		Attended meeting with parish administrator regarding new payroll procedures and moving storage space to better location (1/8/16). Accepted baby blanket donation from Epiphany Church Youth group (2/16/16). Researched and procured new father resource "The Daddy Book" to hand out to fathers that visit the baby closet (2/25/16). Updated Adoption resources and accepted diaper donation and newborn gift bags from Alexandra House (3/13/16). Managed and purchased new car seats and pack n plays.	
Administrative Activities	Client Service Advocate: maintain client tracking program and database and review for possible updating; recruit, train and evaluate care line volunteers; administer Hotline; review intakes; update training manuals; update volunteers regarding policies, procedures and resources; coordinate companion education/training, provide speakers, communicate/support companion, assess companion support and client satisfaction; coordinate Angel Wings miscarriage support program and volunteers; investigate and develop social media; investigate and develop new fundraising options		Attended meeting with parish administrator regarding new payroll procedures and moving storage space to better location (1/8/16). Networked with child and teen checkup staff to talk about relevant services and exchange information about programs (1/21/16). Met with companion mentors and potential companions to provide information, support, and training materials (2/10/16). Added financial application to social media and worked with local computer service to better protect website (2/15/16). Went to training regarding mental health first aide for women and children (3/1/16) Toured local NICU and delivery wing of new mother baby center (3/31/16).	

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Administrative Activities	Support Assistant: Procure car seats; review and update baby bed and car seat application protocols, and guidelines; provide assistance in completing financial assistance applications; schedule and meet new clients regarding Safe Sleep education and car seat safety, provide additional resources as needed		The support assistant continued to review and provide support to clients in filling out applications for qualifying programs. Distributed pack and plays and sleep safety education and car seats and car safety education. Met with new public health nurses in the county to explain our programs and services (2/2/16). Met with teen social workers at community schools to talk about programs and services (3/9/16).	
Outreach	Increase community access and visibility; continue community education and maintain contacts		CSA worked with Epiphany preschool and extended day program to organize a baby shower fundraiser (3/23/16). CS and CSA worked with local church (Church of St. Paul) in Anoka County to organize an additional clothes and diaper drive.	
Car Seat Program	Provide car seat education and installation training to clients	4	Reviewed and provided support to clients for 6 car seat applications. Distributed car seats and car seat safety education to 4 clients.	4
Case Management Services	Client Service Advocate (CSA) provides assessment and support; follow- up regarding need for necessary services; provide additional information and support.	50	Provided case management services to 52 clients, through follow up calls and continued mentoring. Worked with 2 clients from Family Promise a local housing organization. Gave adoption resources to 2 clients.	52
Crib Distribution/ Sleep Safety Education	Review applications and distribute pack and plays and cribs to qualifying clients; provide Sleep Safety Education to clients receiving baby beds.	10	Received and reviewed 14 pack and play applications with clients. Distributed a pack and play and safe sleep education to 10 qualifying clients.	10
Financial Assistance	Assist clients in completing financial assistance applications; provide food gift	17	The support assistant reviewed 20 financial applications and called clients back to confirm information and help with the completion of applications. If clients did not qualify for the	20

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	cards for specialty formula or diapers and gas cards for transportation to school or work		service the support assistant and client service advocate connected them with other local organizations that could provide help or provided them with other gently used equipment.	
Hotline	Provide 24 hour care line for personal support; offer necessary services to callers	8	The CSA answered 90 calls total, and 8 clients received necessary service information through the hotline only.	8
Material Support	Provide baby and maternity clothing and other items for pregnant and parenting women	20	Forty-six clients visited the baby closet and received material support.	46
Mentoring Program	Provide long term support to clients through trained companions/mentors.	2	Four clients received long term emotional and budgeting support. One client who was struggling with finding housing received extensive support from a companion. Two clients received adoption referral information and support. One client received budgeting support from their companion and was able to make a sustainable budget plan.	4
Nutrition	Provide baby food and formula; provide food shelf assistance	4	Twelve clients received nutrition support; 8 received formula and 4 received formula and baby food.	12
Provide Necessary Services Assessments Only	Staff provides clients only intake assessments, information on, referral to and assistance with securing necessary services	10	Provided intake assessments only and assistance through referrals to 10 clients.	10
Transportation	Provide transportation resources to clients and gas cards to qualified clients	20	Twenty-eight clients received transportation resources and/or gas cards.	28

Maternal and Child Health Initiative Task Force Strategies	No.
<i>Number of women who received car seats and car seat safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	4
<i>Number of women who received car seat safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	28
<i>Number of women who received child abuse prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	28
<i>Number of women who received abusive head trauma (shaken baby) prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	28
<i>Number of women who received a baby bed, crib, or pack-n-play and sleep safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	10
<i>Number of women who received sleep safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	28

Challenges:

Comments: